



If Your Kansas Driver's License is Suspended

A NEW KANSAS LAW: *(effective July 1, 2021)*

- Makes it easier to get a restricted license
- Can help get some of your fines wiped-off
- **LEARN HOW IT WORKS!!**
- **GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED!!**

**Wednesday,
May 26, 6p.m.**

DON'T MISS THIS
FREE,
LIVE,
VIRTUAL
WEBINAR

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**WEBINAR WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM:
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GOVERNOR KELLY SIGNS REPRESENTATIVE FINNEY'S ENERGY BILL



House Bill 2321, produced by Representative Bail Finney and signed by Governor Laura Kelly that ensures that utilities present their respective projects including their plans, locations and dimensions, to the community at least 6 months prior to construction. This Bill also ensures that companies have their required permits and hold open houses to center community voices around these projects.



"THIS IS WHAT GOOD GOVERNMENT LOOKS LIKE. COLLABORATION – PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS – COMING TOGETHER IN A BIPARTISAN FASHION, TO SOLVE PROBLEMS. IT'S HOW WE WILL CONTINUE TO GET THINGS DONE."
- GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

TO READ MORE, CLICK THESE ARTICLES!

[Governor Laura Kelly Cerimonially Signs Bill to Encourage Transparency](#)

[Neighborhood Voices Feel Heard](#)

COVID-19

Vaccination



OVERVIEW OF TESTING & VACCINE RESOURCES:

This “one pager” consolidates all testing and vaccine resources into a single page, available in both English and Spanish.

MASK WEARING WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN VACCINATED

Last week the CDC issued new guidance on mask-wearing. This means that those fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks indoors or outdoors or physically distance, except in circumstances such as those required by businesses, public transportation, or healthcare facilities.

EQUITY FORM FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Request resources from KDHE (e.g., doses, vaccination staff)
- Ask to be introduced to a provider to schedule a vaccination event for your community
- Offer to support at vaccine sites (e.g., transportation, vaccination staff, publicity)

8 THINGS TO KNOW

ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM AND THE BENEFITS OF GETTING VACCINATED

BENEFITS OF GETTING VACCINATED

COVID-19 VACCINATION WILL HELP KEEP YOU FROM GETTING COVID-19



Kansas Department of Health and Environment

KDHE cannot provide lab test results or medical advice. Please contact your healthcare provider to discuss your needs.

Phone: 866-534-3463 (866-KDHEINF)

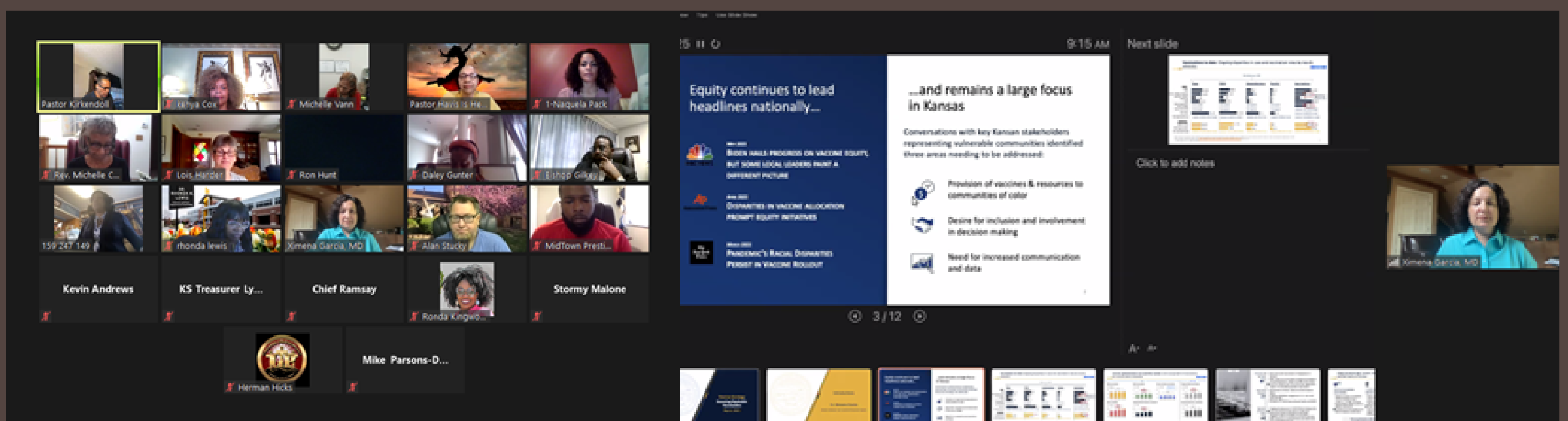
Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

THE GREATER WICHITA MINISTERIAL LEAGUE

The Greater Wichita Ministerial League (GWML) an organized body of pastors and ministers who are devoted to the purpose of uniting the Body of Christ, without concern for denominational affiliation, race, or gender met Thursday, May 6, 2021, with Governor Laura Kelly's Senior Advisor for COVID-19 Vaccine Equity, Ximena M. Garcia, MD, and State Treasurer Lynn Rogers

HERE IS THE LATEST COVID VACCINE INFORMATION:

1. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is now available for ages 12+ in Kansas. The decision comes after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) authorized the vaccine as safe and effective for teenagers. [Click Here to Learn More](#)
2. Use the [Find My Vaccine Map](#) to locate vaccine providers near you.
3. [Kansas's FAQ link](#).
4. [To promote the equitable vaccination of all Kansans, KDHE is offering support for vaccination clinics focused on vulnerable communities. Equity-focused vaccination clinics & community partners Survey](#)
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/37S6ZTR>



KANSAS STATE TREASURER LYNN ROGERS

"One of my favorite parts of being State Treasurer is helping return lost money to the people of Kansas. We have more than \$400 million in unclaimed property waiting for the rightful owner to find and claim. Check to see if there's anything for you by using the fields at the top of the page. Or, call us at 785-296-4165 for more personal assistance."



SAVING FOR SCHOOL

All students deserve the opportunity to achieve their dreams. That's why the State Treasurer's Office is proud to give Kansas students a chance to make their education more affordable through scholarships and savings plans.

✓ Learning Quest 529

529 College Savings Programs offer tax benefits while assisting Kansas families with the rising cost of education and reducing student loan debt. There are no age or income limits, and anyone can contribute to the accounts. Funds can be used to cover costs of public, private, community, technical, and vocational schools as well as registered apprenticeship programs. Learn more at: https://www.kansascash.ks.gov/learn_quest.html

✓ KIDS Matching Grants

The KIDS Matching Grants program is a unique opportunity to help Kansas families make their children's educational dream a reality. Kansas families earning less than 200% the federal poverty level (e.g. \$53,000 for a family of 4) may receive a matching contribution up to \$600 each year that can be used for qualified education expenses. Money can be used for qualified education expenses. Learn more at: <https://www.kansascash.ks.gov/kids.html>



SCHOLARSHIP - A SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINE

Through a partnership with Sallie Mae, the Kansas State Treasurer's Office provides students with access to a database of 6 million scholarship worth more than \$30 billion.

It's a free tool for all Kansas students to search for free money to help make undergraduate, graduate, or career training programs more affordable.

To learn more, visit [KansasStateTreasurer.ks.gov/ScholarShop](https://www.kansascash.ks.gov/ScholarShop)

KANSAS QUAD/TRI LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS – MAY LUNCHEON



Covid-19 and Vaccination Equity in Minority Communities in Kansas

GUEST PRESENTERS:

Molly Haase

Director of Advocacy, Advent Health Shawnee Mission

Dr. Ximena M. Garcia, MD

Senior Advisor for COVID-19 Vaccine Equity

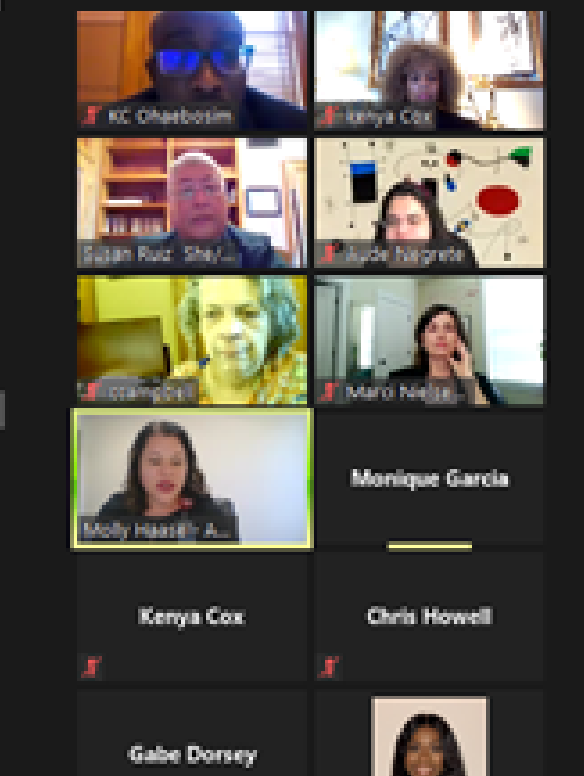
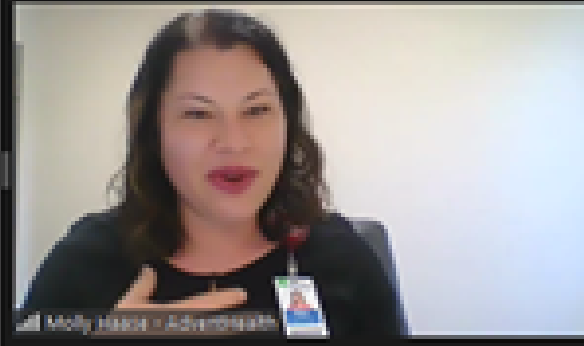
Marci Nielsen, PhD, MPH

Chief Advisor for Covid-19 Coordination

Top ZIP Codes in Johnson County					Demographic Breakdown			
Rank	Zip Code	County	COVID-19 Cases per 100,000	COVID-19 Case Count	% White	% Black	% Hispanic	% Asian/Pacific Islander
1	66227	Johnson	7,364.94	456	89.0%	1.9%	3.2%	5.9%
2	66220	Johnson	6,472.31	464	89.3%	2.0%	3.2%	5.5%
3	66298	Johnson	6,436.84	534	92.6%	2.0%	4.3%	1.9%
4	66246	Johnson	6,420.94	908	86.4%	4.5%	4.7%	4.4%
5	66221	Johnson	6,382.10	1,114	82.6%	2.0%	3.0%	12.4%
6	66061	Johnson	6,326.62	4,073	73.8%	7.6%	15.7%	2.9%
7	66281	Johnson	6,108.65	289	90.9%	0.9%	0.7%	7.6%
8	66202	Johnson	6,105.17	988	77.5%	6.9%	12.4%	3.2%
9	66204	Johnson	6,050.91	1,191	76.1%	8.4%	12.8%	2.7%
10	66299	Johnson	5,887.65	279	83.7%	6.9%	4.5%	4.9%

COVID-19 AdventHealth Internal Patient Data: (This is not reflective of the proportion of the total hospital population.)

Rank	Patient Zip Code	County	COVID-19 Case Count	% White	% Black	% Hispanic	% Asian/Pacific Islander
1	66067	Franklin	279	93.3%	1.4%	4.8%	0.5%
2	66203	Johnson	210	80.7%	6.0%	10.9%	2.5%
3	66806	Wyandotte	205	55.1%	8.8%	33.2%	2.4%
4	66202	Johnson	182	79.8%	7.7%	9.2%	3.3%
5	66204	Johnson	153	76.1%	8.4%	12.8%	2.7%
6	66286	Johnson	142	83.9%	7.2%	4.9%	4.0%
7	66285	Johnson	132	78.5%	7.5%	10.8%	3.2%
8	66807	Wyandotte	130	19.2%	19.5%	51.9%	8.9%
9	66061	Johnson	106	73.8%	7.6%	15.7%	2.9%
10	66202	Johnson	93	73.5%	6.9%	12.4%	3.2%



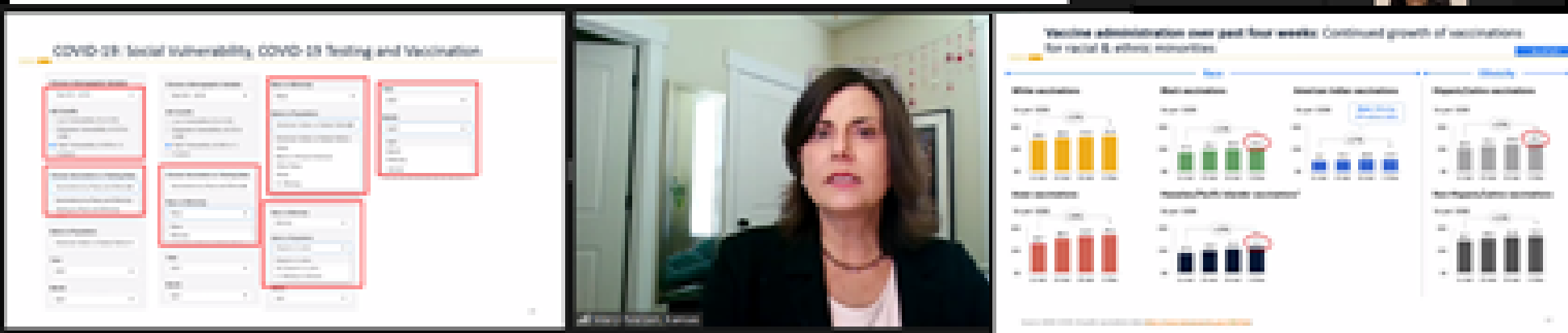
COVID-19 Vaccinations

Vaccinating our Caregivers

- December 2020: received vaccines from KDHE
- Grateful to vaccinate our front-line workers

Community Mass Vaccination Clinics

- Johnson County Health Department
- Church of the Resurrection (COR) in Leawood
- Vaccinated 45,000 community members
- Started in February weekly through May



KANSAS AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

WORKING ON SOLUTIONS FOR KANSAS

Members of the Kansas African American Legislative Caucus met with Governor Kelly to discuss issues and concerns faces constituents in their individual districts help find

ABOUT THE KANSAS AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

The caucus was organized in March 1975 to foster greater participation of minority groups in the political process and enhance their awareness of critical political issues. Founding members of the Caucus include: Representatives Norman E. Justice, Clarence C. Love, Theo Cribbs, Eugene Anderson, and William K. Marshall and Senator Billy Q. McCray



Mastering Record Keeping and Taxes in the Age of COVID

Join Tom Copeland for this live virtual training specifically for Kansas child care programs presented by the Department for Children and Families in coordination with KCCTO.

In this COVID-19 era, when accepting grants, learn what is taxable income and what can be deducted, gain knowledge about Small Business Administration loan programs, and decide when to claim social security benefits. Tom Copeland, a trainer, author, and advocate for family child care business, will provide information on these and other child care business topics to Kansas child care programs.

This live virtual training requires you to be visible on screen throughout the training using a webcam or front-facing camera. Details about access to the live virtual training will be provided via email the day of the event.

Objectives:

- Understand what is taxable income and what can be deducted in the COVID-19 grant era.
- Understand Time-Space Percentage, vehicle, and food deductions.
- Decide when to claim Social Security benefits.
- Understand the Small Business Administration loan programs.

Webinar Dates

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

May 19, 2021

OR

May 27, 2021

REGISTER HERE

<https://kccto.org/product/live-virtual-training-mastering-record-keeping-and-taxes-in-the-age-of-covid-2/>

150 available seats per webinar

2 KDHE clock hours awarded for live virtual training



HELPFUL ADDITIONAL LINKS!

[Facebook: Kansas Department For Children and Families](#)

[Twitter: Kansas Department for Children and Families](#)

[Webinar Information](#)



Providing Kansans with quality DEI training content that allows individuals to learn, reflect, and apply DEI practices in both their personal and professional lives to increase equality for all Kansans.

WEBINAR SERIES TOPICS:

1. A historical narrative on inequality in America
2. Defining and examining implicit bias/identifying micro-aggressions and ways to interrupt the patterns
3. Understanding disability, challenging ableism and building inclusion through service
4. Understanding issues around class, poverty, socio-economic status and societal structures
5. Raising awareness about the challenges facing the LGBTQ+ community in 2020

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

NEWS FROM UNDER THE DOME

BILL WATCH



2021 BILL SUMMARY REPORT : [LEARN MORE](#)

454 House bills introduced

58 House bills signed by the Governor

315 Senate bills introduced

43 Senate bills signed by the Governor

4 BILLS GOVERNOR KELLY SIGNED INTO LAW DURING THE VETO SESSION

HOUSE BILL 2121

Increases the criminal penalty for mistreatment of a dependent adult or elder person when the victim is a resident of an adult care home, adding definitions related to defendants who abscond from supervision in the criminal procedure code and for parole and clarifying that bond agents seeking discharge as a surety are required to return the person released on bond to the court in the county where the complaint subject to the bond was filed, requiring the department of corrections to develop guidance to be used by parole officers when responding to violations of parole and post-release supervision and that incentivize compliant behavior, and authorizing court services officers and community corrections officers to provide a certification of identification to offenders for use to obtain a new driver's license.

HOUSE BILL 2187

Enacting the first-time home buyer savings account act.

AN ACT establishing the first-time home buyer savings account act; relating to financial institutions; providing for addition and subtraction modifications for contributions to first-time home buyer savings accounts under the Kansas income tax act.

HOUSE BILL 2077

Extends Kansas closed case task force, providing for staff assistance and renaming the task force the Alvin Sykes cold case DNA task force, extending the Kansas criminal justice reform commission, limiting the commission's scope of study and adding a public defender, and authorizing the crime victims compensation board to waive application time restrictions for certain victims to receive compensation for mental health counseling and adding certain children to the definition of a victim

SENATE BILL 60

Creates the crime of sexual extortion and requiring an offender to register under the Kansas offender registration act, prohibiting a court from requiring psychiatric or psychological examinations of an alleged victim of any crime, increasing criminal penalties for fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer when operating a stolen vehicle, committing certain driving violations or causing a collision involving another driver, defining proximate result for purposes of determining when a crime is committed partly within this state, removing the spousal exception from the crime of sexual battery, and making fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer evidence of intent to commit theft of a vehicle.



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